

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| IN RE APPLICATION |                    | ATTORNEY DKT NO: 49845    |
| OF:               | OLBERT, ET AL.     | CONFIRMATION NO.: 3616    |
| SERIAL No.        | 09/936,354         | GROUP ART UNIT: 1725      |
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TITLE: MULTITUDE FIXED BED REACTOR, ESPECIALLY FOR  
CATALYTIC GAS-PHASE REACTIONS

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION

Sir,

In response to the final Office action mailed on December 9, 2005, please enter the following amendments to the claims, and reconsider the application in view of these amendments and Applicant's remarks below.

- (1) Amendments to the abstract of the disclosure are indicated on page 2 of this paper.
- (2) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- (3) Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.